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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
IOANA DONESCU) : Examiner: A. Bhatnagar
Appln. No.: 09/348,502) : Group Art Unit: 2623
Filed: July 7, 1999) :
For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR) September 25, 2002
INSERTING AND DECODING :
A WATERMARK IN DIGITAL)
DATA :
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2002, which sets forth an election of species requirement, Applicant hereby elects for prosecution on the merits the species of Embodiment I, which corresponds to Fig. 7. Applicant submits that pending Claims 1-38 read on the elected species.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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